

Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee

**Mississippi State Department of Health
Osborne Auditorium**

Minutes

August 8, 2002

MTAC Members Present:

Hugh Gamble, M.D.
Jerry Green
John Nelson, M.D.
Bob McDonald
John Brahan, M.D.
Marshall Tucker
Christine Weiland, R.N.
Robert Galli, M.D.
William T. Avara, M.D.

MTAC Members Not Present:

Brennett Lyles, R.N., REMT-P
Rodney Frothingham, M.D.
Lucy Cumbest, R.N.
William Billups, III, M.D.
John Lucas, M.D.
David Cook, R.N.
John Cook, M.D.
Wells Wilson, M.D.
Charles Piggott, M.D.

Others Present:

Jim Craig
Keith Parker
Jim Wadlington
Jonathan Chaney
David Buchanan

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Gamble at 1:00 p.m.

II. Adoption of Minutes:

Minutes from May 23, 2002 MTAC meeting were adopted by acclamation.

III. Director's Report

Mr. Craig introduced new employees in the EMS office. Ms. Alisa Williams as the new Policy and Planning Manager, Ms. Sue Bishop as the new Performance Improvement Manager and Ms. Kelly Trinkner as the new Trauma Nurse Coordinator.

Mr. Craig announce that the Mississippi Trauma Care Plan had been approved by the CMS local representation in Mississippi. The Plan will go to Dr. Thompson for his signature. After Dr. Thompson signs the Plan, it will be sent to CMS in Washington D.C. CMS officials have advised us that we can enact the Plan 15 days after it has been filed with them.

Mr. Craig provided an update of the Hospital Status Program. He stated that after a meeting with the Mississippi Hospital Association (MHA), they have endorsed the program. In fact, MHA has requested DEMS to enhance the program to include the ability to track available services within a hospital during a time of emergency or Bio-terrorism event. Mr. Craig informed MHA that the program could be enhanced to meet their needs.

Mr. Craig reported that the State Board of Health Subcommittee on Trauma has requested that a study be conducted to evaluate the impact of including all physicians and the Regional Medical Center in Memphis into the uncompensated care reimbursement process. Horne CPA Group will conduct this study and report the findings at the next MTAC meeting.

IV Reports:

A. Central Trauma Care Region

No report given.

B. North Trauma Care Region

No report given.

C. Coastal Trauma Care Region

Dr. Avara reported that one of Neurosurgeons on the Coast has taken a job at one of the hospitals in Biloxi and is under their insurance. Singing River Hospital is trying to determine if he can take call at other hospitals. He stated that the insurance crisis at the Coast is increasing.

D. Southeast Trauma Care Region

No report given.

E. Delta Trauma Care Region

No report given.

F. Southwest Trauma Care Region

Dr. Wilson discussed the concern of physicians in the Southwest Trauma Care Region regarding the malpractice issues and the effect it is going to have on some hospitals within the Southwest Trauma Care Region.

G. East Central Trauma Care Region

Dr. Billups reported that the three hospitals in Meridian have been inspected and are waiting the results of their survey.

V Horne CPA Group FY-2002 Reimbursement Report

Ms. Granberry gave a brief overview of the FY-2002 Trauma Care Reimbursement Report. The Trauma Care Trust Fund provided over \$7 million in uncompensated care reimbursement to participating trauma centers and eligible physicians. The allocation was divided 70% to the trauma centers with 30% to the eligible physicians.

The report was accepted by MTAC after general discussion.

VII Confidential Session

MTAC enters into confidential session.

VIII Other Business:

3:00 p.m. MTAC reconvenes. No additional business discussed.

XII Adjourn at 3:00 p.m.